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FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR SERIAL NUMBER ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. PA-5837-0-AW 07/815,783 01/02/92 **FARRINGTON** EXAMINER CHAUDHRY, S STEPHEN D. KREFMAN WHIRLPOOL CORP., LAW DEPT. ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER 2000 M-63 5 1109 BENTON, MI 49022 DATE MAILED: 10/07/92

This is a communication from the examilier in charge in your appuration. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS.

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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on 7-20-92 This action is made final. Shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire Take month(s), days from the date of this letter. Shortened statutory period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133		
art I		THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:
1. 3. 5.	$\bar{\Box}$	Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. 2. Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. 6.
art II 8		SUMMARY OF ACTION
1.	囟	Claims _/ _ 19 are pending in the application.
		Of the above, claims are withdrawn from consideration.
2.		Claims have been cancelled.
3.		Claims are allowed.
4.	苡	Claims are rejected.
5.		Claims are objected to.
6.		Claims are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7.		This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8.		Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9.		The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10.		The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on has (have) been approved by the examiner disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11.		The proposed drawing correction, filled on, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation).
12.		Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received
•		been filed in parent application, serial no; filed on
13.		Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14.		Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

PTOL-326 (Rev. 9-89)

Serial No. 07/815,783 Art Unit 1109

Applicant's remarks filed July 20, 1992 have been acknowledged by the examiner and entered.

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: None of the prior art discloses or suggests a method of washing fabric in a horizontal axis washer by directing a recirculating spray of concentrated detergent solution onto tumbling clothes; diluiting concentrated solution after a first period of time; and directing a recirculating spray of diluted detergent solution onto tumbling clothes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saeed T. Chaudhry whose telephone number is (703) 308-3319.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

Maudury. S.Chaudhry. October 2, 1992.

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